

Kindly enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 13 and 14 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) An XY stage, comprising:

~~base;~~

a movable table disposed on said base so as to be movable in an X direction and a Y direction in an X-Y plane;

a work member provided on said movable table;

a first linear motor, coupled to said moveable table and said base,

which gives a driving force in the X direction to said movable table at the same height as the center of gravity of a movable section composed of said movable table and said work member; and

a second linear motor, coupled to said moveable table and said base,

which gives a driving force in the Y direction to said movable table at the same height as the center of gravity of said movable section.